

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown re-written below with amendments effected therein. Appendix I is attached hereto having marked versions of said claims with amendments indicated by brackets and underlining.

6. (Amended) The harvesting equipment of one of the claims 3 or 4, wherein the function bodies (14; 15) have deflection plates (21; 22), which are essentially vertical in function and follow the extent (T) of the chain elements (14; 15) in the revolving direction (U1; U2).

7. (Amended) The harvesting equipment of one of the claims 3 or 4 wherein the chain elements (14; 15) are connected with one another over axle shafts (19; 20) at the front and rear ends in the revolving direction (U1; U2), and bodies of the axle (19a) of the axle shaft (19) are embraced in a sealing manner by the sleeve bodies (20a).

8. (Amended) The harvesting equipment of claim 6, wherein the deflection plates (21; 22) extend between the axle shafts (19; 20) essentially over the whole surface.

9. (Amended) The harvesting equipment of claim 6, wherein a deflection plates (21) is disposed between the cutting plane (S) and a holding plane (H1) above the cutting plane (S) and a further deflection plate (22) is disposed between this holding plane (H1) and an upper holding plane (H2).